

WRITING ASSESSMENT

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Some people believe that exit tests, such as the Gateway, are a good requirement for graduation. Others would disagree. I fully agree with taking an exit test. Some reasons are as follows: there will be better prepared college students, the test shows the school's ability to teach, and it makes sure the student actually learned something. Those are just a few reasons I agree with taking an exit test.

Taking an exit test means a better prepared college student. Some tests are used to see how the student will cope with college style academics. The tests will show the student if they are prepared to take that "giant leap" to college. Also, the tests will show how the college how much knowledge that student has about certain subjects in order to place him properly.

An exit test also shows how good the school is. The test may show how well a certain teacher teaches a subject or just in general how ^{good} ~~well~~ the school is. Schools are given a grade rating every year, which those exit tests may show the state if it is a good school or not. It may also show how prepared the students are, which reflects to the teachers.

Lastly, it makes sure the student has actually gained knowledge. If a student has not gained knowledge they would most likely fail in college. If a student has not gained knowledge is he or she "stupider"? I would surely hope not. Only exit tests would let us know for sure. Finally, the test would show how much smarter that student has become.

I agree with the requirement of having to take an exit test to graduate. It shows the intelligence, the school's ability, and how much that student has actually learned. I think

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parents would agree with me on this one. Taking an exit test is a "win/win" situation.

Score Point: 4

This response reflects proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer takes a clear position in favor of exit tests. Key ideas are presented to support this position (there will be better prepared college students, they demonstrate schools' ability to teach, and they measure how much students actually learned). The response is organized and demonstrates some language facility (giant leap to college, and taking an exit test is a "win/win" situation). Further development and illustration of the key ideas would be required for a higher score.